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Honorable Commissioner:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, it is courteously requested that an extension of time for response within the third month following the period set in the Action be granted. This extends the time through and including December 4, 2003. A check made payable to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks for the extension fee, is enclosed. If any additional extension of time is needed, such extension is hereby requested. Please debit Deposit Account No. 50-0581 for any deficiencies, if necessary. Thank you.

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Respectfully submitted,

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